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RE: *Methods of Forming Metallurgy Structures for Wire and
Solder Bonding and Related Structures*
Unitive Ref. EUI-00-006; Our File 9180-5

Dear Dan and Kevin:

Enclosed is an initial draft of a patent application directed to the above-referenced invention for your review. This is only a draft, so feel free to make additions, deletions, substitutions, and the like.

As you know, it is essential that the patent application, as filed, be technically accurate and complete, and that it set forth the best mode of carrying out the invention, since new matter may not be added to the descriptive portion after filing. We therefore ask that you carefully review the draft for technical accuracy and completeness, and advise us of any suggested changes or corrections.

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Once you have had an opportunity to review the draft application, please let me know as soon as possible. As always, please feel free to call us with any questions which you may have.

Best regards.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott C. Hatfield', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Scott C. Hatfield

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cc: Mitchell S. Bigel